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SUBJECT: PREINVESTMENT SURVEYS IN BANGLADESH

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1. OPIC HAS DISCUSSED COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING PROPOSAL WITH HASAN IN ANTICIPATION OF SOME PROGRESS ON A BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH BDG. UNTIL SUCH PROGRESS IS FORTHCOMING, OPIC NOT IN A POSITION TO SAY IT CAN OFFER PREINVESTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PROJECTS IN BANGLADESH.

2. IN THE EVENT PROSPECTS FOR AN AGREEMENT IMPROVE, SEVERAL MATTERS REMAIN TO BE CLARIFIED ON THE COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING
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PROPOSAL. FOR EXAMPLE, A) TO DATE, WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO

ESTABLISH WITH ANY DEGREE OF CERTAINTY THE ABILITY OF HASAN TO CARRY THROUGH WITH HIS VENTURE. HE APPARENTLY HAS ONLY MEAGER FINANCIAL RESOURCES, AND NO OPERATING EXPERIENCE IN TERMS OF HIS FIRM MAKING AND SELLING PRODUCTS IN A COMMERCIAL MARKET. HASAN HAS MENTIONED POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS WITH SEVERAL LARGE U.S. FIRMS (E. G. RCA AND AT AND T) WHICH WOULD APPARENTLY PROVIDE HIM WITH THE FINANCIAL BACKING AS WELL AS SOME TECHNICAL INPUTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE VENTURE. BUT HE HAS YET TO SPECIFY THE NATURE OF SUCH ARRANGEMENTS, AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH HE HAS ANY COMMITMENTS FROM THESE FIRMS. (B) THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THE PROJECT SO FAR INDICATES A HEAVY FOREIGN EXCHANGE COST COMPONENT FOR IMPORTS, FEE, ETC. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE PROBABLE LACK OF ADEQUATE COMMUNICATION FACILITIES IN BANGLADESH, WE ALSO FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ASSESS WHETHER THIS APPROACH TO THAT PROBLEM WOULD BE WORTH THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE COST.

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